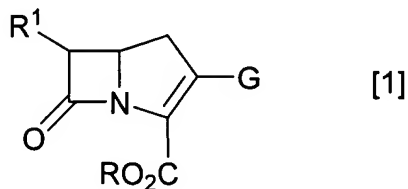


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

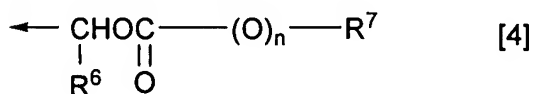
1-28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) A carbapenem compound represented by the following formula [1],



wherein R¹ is C₁-C₃ alkyl substituted by hydroxy,

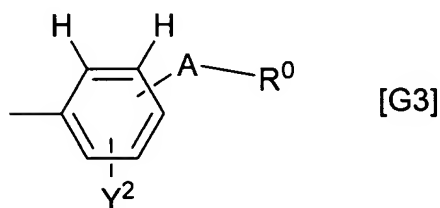
R is hydrogen atom, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₁₂ alkoxyalkyl, phthalidyl, 2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl, (2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl, (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl, (5-*t*-butyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl, (5-phenyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl, or a group of the formula [4]:



wherein R⁶ is hydrogen atom or C₁-C₆ alkyl, R⁷ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl or C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, and n is an integer of 0 or 1,

and

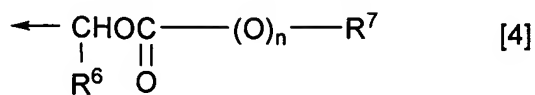
G is a group represented by the formula G3:



wherein A is -(CH₂)_s-NR^a-(CH₂)_t-(in which, s and t are independently an integer of 0, and R^a is hydrogen atom), R⁰ is hydrogen atom, and Y² is C₁-C₄ alkyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

30. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt

thereof wherein R is a group of the formula [4]:



wherein R⁶ is hydrogen atom or C₁-C₆ alkyl, R⁷ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl or C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, and n is an integer of 0 or 1.

31. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein R¹ is 1-hydroxyethyl.

32. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein R is pivaloyloxymethyl, acetyloxymethyl, acetyloxy-1-ethyl, isopropylloxycarbonyloxy-1-ethyl or cyclohexylloxycarbonyloxy-1-ethyl.

33. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein R is pivaloyloxymethyl.

34. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein R is phthalidyl or (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl.

35. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein R is hydrogen atom.

36. (New) A medicament containing a carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

37. (New) An antibacterial agent containing a carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

38. (New) An oral medicament containing a carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

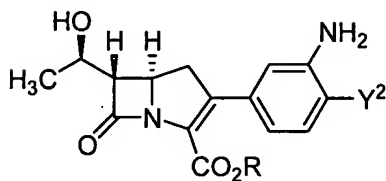
39. (New) An oral antibacterial agent containing a carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

40. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein Y^2 is methyl.

41. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein R^1 is 1-hydroxyethyl, R is hydrogen atom, pivaloyloxymethyl or (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl, A is -NH-, R^0 is hydrogen atom and Y^2 is methyl.

42. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein R^1 is 1-hydroxyethyl, R is hydrogen atom, pivaloyloxymethyl or (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxol-4-yl)methyl, A is -NH-, R^0 is hydrogen atom and Y^2 is methyl, and said -A- R^0 - is bound to the benzene ring at meta position and said Y^2 is bound to the benzene ring at para position against the position where 7-oxo-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]hept-2-ene is bound to the benzene ring.

43. (New) The carbapenem compound claimed in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof represented by the following formula



wherein R and Y^2 are the same as defined in claim 29.